

entitled An Act, to assist the President and managers of the Maryland Disabled Soldiers' Home, to procure a building suitable to an enlarged exercise of their charitable purposes,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Mules from the Committee on Corporations, reported a bill entitled An Act, to incorporate the Andrew Small Academy of Darnestown, in Montgomery county, Maryland,

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Maddox, in the absence, and at the request of Mr. Trail, submitted the minority report of the Committee on Elections in the contested election case of Spates vs. Ohr.

MINORITY REPORT.

To the Honorable, the Senate of Maryland:

The undersigned, a minority of the committee on elections, to which was referred the memorial of Alfred Spates, of Allegany county, contesting the election of Charles H. Ohr, to a seat in this body as senator for said county, respectfully report:

That having carefully considered said memorial, and the testimony therewith presented, and the reply of said Charles H. Ohr, they deduce as the principal points for the consideration of your honorable body, these several charges and allegations.

1st. The presence of armed men in large numbers, who were in the interest of the sitting member, and assembled at his suggestion and by his advice; and who, by threats and violence, intimidated and prevented from voting a large number of citizens who would have voted for the contestant.

2nd. That the judges of election committed many errors in counting up the ballots and making out their returns, to the injury and disadvantage of the contestant; and which, when rectified, will show that he is justly entitled to the seat now occupied by C. H. Ohr.

3rd. That many ballots, of duly registered and legally qualified voters were rejected, which, if counted, would give the contestant a majority of votes.

The charge that large numbers of armed men surrounded the polls in election district No. 10, conspiring with the judges, and acting under the counsel of the sitting member, threatening force and violence, with intent to overawe and hinder the election, thereby preventing a large number of duly registered and qualified voters from casting their ballots for the contestant for senator, is "like the baseless fabric of a vision," and unsupported by a title of evidence. In this mountain region where almost every man is a hunter, and familiar with the use of the rifle, it is customary to carry his